GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5290
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
CII STUDY ON DESTINATION INDIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a. whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the study brought by the CII indicating the performance of the various States and Union Territories as destinations for investment;
b. if so, the over all rank of West Bengal indicated in this study; and
c. the reasons for West Bengal`s poor performance and the steps being contemplated to improve West Bengal`s performance ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (Dr. Raman Singh)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 5290 for answer on 22nd December, 2000

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The overall composite rank of West Bengal indicated in the study `How Are The States Doing?` is eleven.

(c) The responsibility for encouraging industrial growth primarily lies with the State Governments. West Bengal is now striving for a resurgence in the industrial sector with modern industries in the petrochemicals, electronics and information technology. The Centre, as a matter of providing a helping hand undertakes several measures through appropriate policy reforms from time to time to encourage industrial growth. Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion